cides and they are also imparted training through extension programmes.

National Urban Policy

*632. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have so far formulated any National Urban Policy in consultation with State Governments; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof indicating and when the recommendations of the National Commission on Urbanisation in this regard were submitted to Government and what is the time to be taken by the Centre for placing the same before Parliament for its approval?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SMT SHEILA KAUL):(a) and (b) The process of formulating a National Urban Policy has been initiated. Urbanisation patterns and problems in India vary widely between States, being dependent on widely differing socio-economic conditions, resource endowments and historical, geographical, cultural and institutional factors. In view of this, no meaningful formulation of National Urban Policy is possible without a realistic appraisal of the trends and issues of urban development at State and Regional levels. Therefore, as a first step, an exercise to develop the State Urban Strategy Papers has been started. Preparation of a National Urban Policy will involve a process of consultation with the State Governments and experts which has been started. The recommendations of the National Commission on Urbanisation submitted in August 1988 will be kept in view. Since elaborate consultations/exercises will be involved in the formulation of National Urban Policy, it is not possible to indicate the features of the policy at this stage although the Policy will cover aspects such as urbanisation, provision of urban infrastructure including water supply transport, solid waste management etc., urban environment, urban planning, urban finance, urban land use, institutional stengthening including decentralisation, etc. For the same reason, no specific timeframe for finalising the Policy and placing the same before the Parliament can be indicated.

Introduction of Circular Train around Ahmedabad

*633. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any survey report regarding circular train around Ahmedabad City, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when Government to decide to construct a Railway Crossing at Jivraj Park area in Ahmedabad?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Railways have informed that they can consider the construction of manned railway crossing at Jivraj Park if a proposal is received from Government of Gujarat or local body, along with consent to bear both capital and recurring costs, However, no such proposal has been received by the Ministry of Railways from the State Government.

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श्री राम जेठमलानी:
***634. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:**

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